

MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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Middle School



It Matters: Responsibility--- Are Your Ducks In A Row?

("Setting Limits: The Child Who Always Blames Others," by P. Greenberg (*Scholastic*, www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3746878), "Ready For More Responsibility? Nudging Your Child Toward Self-Sufficiency," by E. Baldwin (*Washington Parent*, Knollwood Publications), and *Parents Make The Difference* Newsletter, www.parent-institute.com, 2010, The Parent Institute.

Many responsibilities are added to your child's life during middle school. Eventually, things fall through the cracks. Some kids are tempted to blame others. To help your child admit fault and learn from mistakes:

- **Tell---don't ask.** When you know your child has dropped the ball, don't give him/her the opportunity to shift blame. Instead of asking, "Did you study for this science test?" say, "I know you didn't prepare for your science test. The consequence is that you earned a D. From now on, please tell me when you have a test."

- **Be Understanding.** Boost your child's confidence by complimenting good behavior and limiting criticism. Do not, however, make excuses. ("It's okay. You said that because you're tired.") It's better to say, "I know you're tired, but you still have to speak to me respectfully." This empowers your child to control his/her own behavior.
- **Provide freedom.** Kids who are overprotected at home may have trouble at school, where they need to be more independent. Build your child's confidence---and ability to handle failure---by giving him/her age-appropriate responsibilities. He/She might select his/her outfits for school or organize his/her room. Remember that mistakes are opportunities to learn.

Do you dream of the day when your child will take on more responsibility? As the year progresses, notice subtle signs of readiness, such as:

- **Complaints.** Your child might not know how to say, "I'm ready to do my own laundry," so it may come out as, "I can't find my PE clothes anywhere. Didn't you wash it yet?"
- **Bossiness.** "Mom! You have to water these plants!" If your child knows enough to criticize, he/she may know enough to help with the job.
- **Interest.** Kids are often excited about being responsible. Pay attention to his/her requests. "Can I help feed the dog?"
- **Developmental stage.** Consider your child's maturity. Most middle school students can make a simple meal for themselves.

When your child seems ready for something new, work together at first. Stay relaxed and give him/her plenty of practice. Take it one job--and one step--at a time. Be patient (mistakes are bound to happen), and celebrate your child's success!



FBLA Install Officers

On Wednesday, October 6, the high school FBLA officers came to the middle school to help with the officer installation of the newly elected Middle School FBLA officers. The students holding office this year are:

President - Hunter Smith
Vice President - Katelin Bailey
Secretary - Taylor Dodson
Treasurer - Nathan Richards
Reporter - Ashley Browning
Historian - Cayley Strickland
Parliamentarian - Daniel Herod



Student Council Busy In This Fall

The Student council has been busy with activities since the beginning of school. September 22 they hosted their annual New Student Reception in the library. The officers gave the new students a brief description of the different organizations on campus that students can get involved in and the sponsors of each organization for the students to get more information.

September 24 the student council hosted the Back-To-School dance in the middle school cafeteria. A large portion of the middle school student body arrived and had an evening filled with lots of fun, dancing, and picture taking for their scrapbooks.

The Student Council officers for this year are:

President - Katelin Bailey
Vice-President - Scarlett Bowen
Secretary - Taylor Dodson
Treasurer - Karson Hood
Reporter - Shalin Simmons
Historian - Kayla Silva
Parliamentarian - Hunter Smith



FCA MEETING

The FCA held a meeting on September 15th to elect officers for their organization. Officers for the FCA are:

President - Shalin Simmons
Vice-President - Ashley Lane
Sec/Treas - Katelin Bailey

On Monday, October 13, the FCA heard a motivational talk from former Dallas Cowboys player, Duke Preston. He stressed to them the importance of trying their best and always putting their "best foot forward".



LIBRARY CORNER

During the year our middle school library is a very busy place in our building. Students are checking out books for AR points, doing research, or using the computers.

According to the library the “10 Most Popular Books” checked out at the end of September are:

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney
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3. *The Boy Who Couldn't Die* by William Sleator
4. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
5. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal* by Jeff Kinney
6. *The Fran With Four Brains* by Jim Benton
7. *The Shore Road Mystery* by Franklin W. Dixon
8. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
9. *The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson
10. *Attack Of The 50-Ft. Cupid* by Jim Benton



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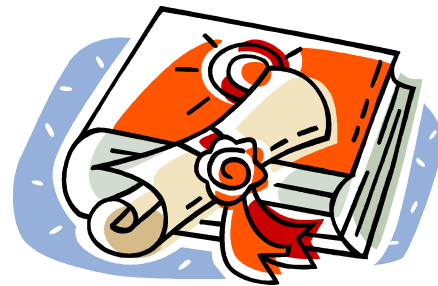
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Faculty Web Pages

If you have access to a computer and have the chance we encourage everyone to look at the Jacksboro Middle School webpage. The faculty has put a lot of time into designing their own webpage to help parents stay updated on class assignments, class schedule, events, conference times, email addresses, and other information that may be of interest to parents and community members. You can access the webpage at www.jacksboroisd.net and click on the Middle School tab at the top.

Mrs. Linda Collie was awarded \$100 to be used in her classroom for her webpage being selected “October Webpage of the Month” for the Jacksboro ISD.



MS YEARBOOKS

Yearbook sales will take place Monday, October 18th, through Friday, October 29th. The cost will be \$17.00. A letter will be sent home to explain the details. For more information contact Mrs. Meghan German.

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Lions' Club Citizens of the Six Weeks Selected

The Jacksboro Lions' Club honored a student from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades on October 13 at their bi-weekly meeting. The students were selected by the middle school faculty were:

- 6th grade – Lacy Lane
- 7th grade – Yuridia Delgado
- 8th grade – Olivia Roberts



FBLA WILL ATTEND SEMINAR

On Oct. 19 FBLA Officers will attend a motivational seminar at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Several motivational speakers are scheduled to present numerous presentations.

The presentations are designed to help students learn: business skills, customer service, communication, time management, increased productivity, management skills, goal achievement, sales and marketing, negotiation skills, people skills, organization, leadership and team building.




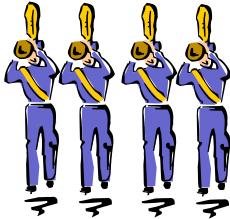




HONOR ROLLS

The Middle School recognized the following students for being on the Straight A Honor Roll the first six weeks: 6th grade - Chase Allison, John Callan, Ashley Cox, Mallory Dennis, Winfred Hayhurst, Fiona Sparks; 7th grade - Diana Brock, Mackenzie Crombie, Katie Hensley, Karson Hood, Jack Lamberson, Bayley Richardson; 8th grade - Katelin Bailey, Scarlett Bowen, Taylor Dodson, Mason Hull, Rachel Lund, Lanna Plaster, Hunter Smith, Cayley Strickland

Students that are recognized for making the A & B Honor Roll for the first six weeks are: 6th grade – Edwardo Aldava, Julianna Barry, Angela Boner, Melissa Cooley, Felipe Espinoza, Zach Hamm, Ashleigh Irwin, Jessica Lamberson, Lacy Lane, Asia Martinez, Edward Rogers, Ashley Spear, Maci Thomas; 7th grade - Braxtan Besselaar, Lexi Burnett, Cassidy Clayton, Lindsie Clayton, Yuridia Delgado, Alexis Easley, Brooke Fagan, Jayleigh Forbus, Brooklyn Green, Pedro Ibarra, Jake Johnson, Skye Justus, Collin Kinder, Ruby Jimenez, Dylan Lawrence, Hannah McDaniel, Caleb Martin, Jaden Richardson, Madison Swor, Diana Tinajero, Colton Turner, Kole Vedder, Erika Victorino, Paige West, Bryer Williams, Jacob Wykes; 8th grade - Tori Aydelott, Cody Booth, Savannah Dunlap, Alex Farber, Bailey Harmonson, Megan Harris, Seth Kinder, Ashley Lane, Adam May, Amber Pieper, Jensen Perkins, Paulina Ponce, Colton Redding, Nathan Richards, Olivia Roberts, AJ Sewell, Kayla Silva, Shalin Simmons, Krysten Stell, Chase Thompson.

MS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2	Cross Country Meet at Wichita Falls Rider	
October 4	FBLA Angel Tree Walk (VB) Boyd (H) 4:00 GT Public Mtg. 5:00 (HS Library)	
October 6	FBLA Installation of Officers	
October 7	“Beach the Bearcats” (Beachwear) (FB) Henrietta (H) 4:00	
October 9	(VB) Paradise “B” Team JH Tournament	
October 11	FCA Meeting (11:25) MS Gym (VB) Paradise (T) 4:00 Homecoming Bonfire 8:00	
October 12	GT Trip to Big Cat Care at Bridgeport	
October 13	Cross Country Meet at Brock (FCA) Fields of Faith in Graham (bus leaves at 6:30)	
October 14	“Purple and White” (FB) City View (T) 4:00	
October 15	Early Release (11:30) Homecoming Parade (12:30)	
October 16	(Band) District Marching Contest in Denton	
October 18	(VB) Peaster “A” Team JH Tournament	
October 19	(VB) Peaster (H) 4:00	
October 21	(FBLA) Officers travel to Ft. Worth “Lasso the Indians” (Western wear) (FB) Nocona (H) 4:00	
October 25	Cross Country District Meet	
October 27	Aim For Success Program (10:00) MS Gym	
October 28	“Spook the Bulldogs” (Costumes) (FB) Alvord (T) 4:00	
November 2 – 5	Benchmark Testing	
November 4	“Out Shine the Eagles” (Hollywood) (FB) Holliday (H) 4:00	
November 5	End of 2nd Six Weeks	
November 12 – 13	GT Trip to Fossil Rim in Glen Rose	
November 18	EXPLORE Test given to 8th graders (8:00 – 11:30)	
November 18 & 20	(BB) Godley Girls’ (H) 5:00 (7th & 8th)	
November 22	(BB) Boyd 8th Boys’ Tournament (BB) Millsap Boys’ (H) 4:00 (7th & 8th) (BB) Millsap Girls’ (T)	
November 22 – 26	Thanksgiving!	
November 29	(BB) Peaster Boys’ (T) 5:00 (7th & 8th) (BB) Peaster Girls’ (H) 5:00 (7th & 8th)	
December 6	(BB) Boyd Boys’ (T) 5:00 (7th & 8th) (BB) Boyd Girls’ (H) 5:00 (7th & 8th)	
December 7	District UIL Meet (6th, 7th, & 8th) @ Paradise 12:00	
December 10	GT Dance for MS Students (MS Cafeteria) 7:00 – 10:00	
December 13	(BB) Paradise Boys’ (H) 4:00 (7th & 8th) (BB) Paradise Girls’ (T) 4:00 (7th & 8th)	
December 14 – 16	Semester Exams!	
December 17	Early Release (11:30)	